

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-26 (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) An isolated DNA sequence comprising the 5' flanking region of the gymnosperm loblolly pine 4CL1B as shown in SEQ ID No: 10.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) An isolated DNA, wherein said DNA includes the promoter region of a gymnosperm 4CL gene involved in syringyl lignin biosynthesis.

30-45. (Canceled)